The Sterling Natural Resource Center will provide benefits beyond transforming wastewater into recycled water to replenish our groundwater aquifer. It will also provide a location for residents to enjoy special events, educational opportunities, and public outdoor space.

**ENHANCING THE COMMUNITY**

- Community Space with Picnic Area and Walking Paths
- Provide a Drought-Proof Water Supply
- Provide Street Improvements
- Educational and Training Programs

**PROJECT ENHANCEMENT**

Using co-digestion technology, the SNRC will give food waste a new purpose and maximize this resource to create renewable electricity.

There may be a potential to use the material that remains after energy generation to produce fertilizer.

**BEYOND WATER SUSTAINABILITY**

Co-digestion was added to the project in 2019. This enhancement represents a significant improvement to the project by allowing the SNRC to produce enough renewable electricity to meet the facility’s energy needs, with additional electricity transferred onto the energy grid.

3 Megawatts Is Enough Energy To Power Approximately 1,950 Homes
Maximizing Resources

The SNRC will maximize the use of resources by giving food waste a new purpose to create renewable electricity.

- About 130,000 gallons per day of imported organic waste streams will be transformed into renewable power.
- Material remaining after the treatment of wastewater will be combined with food waste to create renewable electricity.
- Renewable electricity will offset the SNRC’s operating costs.
- Extra energy created will be transferred onto the electricity grid.

SNRC Project Funding

State Grants

These funds help offset the existing customer’s portion of project costs.

Development Fees

Future developers will be responsible for their portion of the project costs proportionate to their impact on the wastewater system.

Low Interest Loans

The California State Water Resources Control Board approved low-interest loans for the SNRC.

Wastewater Charges

It is anticipated that wastewater fees will remain the same and customers will have savings over time compared to projected wastewater costs.

Project Saving Opportunities

Striving to being stewards of rate payer dollars, the District continues to identify programs that offer incentives for projects like the SNRC.

- Southern California Edison’s Self Generation Incentive Program
- Sales Tax Exclusions

The SNRC is Changing Every Day!

View time-lapse construction videos for both east and west portions of the project at eastvalley.org/snrc

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